

Connecticut



Chatter

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

August 2020

President's Message

by Kathy Fuller



As the song goes, "I get knocked down, but I get up again. Nobody's gonna keep me down." THAT'S US!! No matter how many rallies, rendezvous or caravans get cancelled we persevere in efforts to get together. Some members depend on Thursday evening Zoom Happy Hours hosted by Russ and Rhona Fuller, others head out in a small group for a destination of their choosing and others continue to host rallies as COVID 19 permits.

In addition to the Wine Tasting Rally in August hosted by the Downings and the October rally at Ross Hill in CT hosted by the Fullers, we are now having a rendezvous in New Paltz, NY in September at the Ulster County Fairgrounds. (flyer attached)

Eddie Carll hosted a rally at the Pastures Campground in Orford, NH. The Cape Cod and Charter Oak units came together to enjoy each other's company. Thank you, Eddie!

Doug Hart, President of Region 1, is spearheading an effort to promote/list all the remaining rallies in the Region so that we all can be aware of the opportunities still available for us to gather. While I have your attention, please consider hosting a rally in 2021. Glen Lessig, 1st VP, has some wonderful rallies lined up but more would be even more wonderfuller. See you down the road. Stay safe.

~Kathy



What do you think?

What do you call a group of porcupines?

If a farmer has 5 haystacks in one field and 4 haystacks in the other field, how many haystacks would he have if he combined them all in the center field?

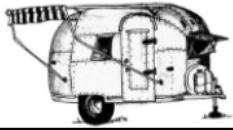
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Full time Airstream living.

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We have more Rallies for 2020! Join the fun with any of our partner New England based local clubs!

Date	Location	Rally Name	Contact	Local club
August 14-16	Bernardston, MA	Wine Tasting Rally	Wiley Downing	COCAC
Sept. 11-13	Brimfield, MA	Non-Flea Market Rally	Larry Lamontagne	CCMAC
Sept 11-13	New Palz, NY	Fall Basics Rendevous	Russ Fuller	COCAC
Sept 24-27	Seranac Lake, NY	Fall Follilage Rally		NEMAC
Oct 2-4	Lisbon, CT	Pumpkin n Spice Rally	Kathy Fuller	COCAC
Oct 10-12	Leicester, VT	Canadian Thanksgiving -SpEv	Eddie Carll/RJ Dominic	CCMAC
Oct 30-Nov 2	Franconia, NH	Echo Lake Rendezvous	Earl Duesel	NEAC



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by Sandy Sasuta

new great-grandson "Boden" (mother is Hannah). They will remain in the Club, but will be on the lookout for another size Airstream.

Bard & Kathy's daughter **Megan** from Oregon was most recently vacationing in Maine in Gramma Grace's Airstream B van. Yet another generation of **Fuller Airstreamers**.

Once again it is DUES TIME (paying for 2021) and it can easily be done on line for Regular Members and Lifetime Members. Go to airstreamclub.org, under "Current Members", scroll down and click on "Renew Your Membership" and fill it out, have your credit card ready. If you are unable to renew on line or are an Affiliate Member, please send me a check by October 1, 2020 payable to Charter Oak CT Airstream Club...amount \$90.00 (\$75.00 Int'l dues & \$15.00 unit dues) for regular members; \$15.00 unit dues for Lifetime and Affiliate members. Mail to: Sandy Sasuta, 476 Milford Point Road, Milford, CT 06460. Thank you. **Note: Lifetime Membership is now available at a discounted rate. Contact main office.**

Have you heard about the new "Senior GPS" now for sale, not only does it tell you how to get to your new destination, but it also tells you why you wanted to go there.

When you can't control what is happening, challenge yourself to control the way you respond; that is where your power is. Stay safe! ~

Welcome to new members **MATTHEW & JENNIFER OSTROWSKI** from Waterford, CT. Hope to meet you soon.

Get well wishes being sent to **CHRIS DUBROWSKI** who had recent back surgery, and **BILL WATTS** who had a fall. We hope for steady improvement until you are back with us.

Great news for **FRED & DALE McGOLDRICK**...they not only sold their Airstream, but also have a



Region One News

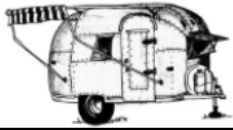
by Bard Fuller

Doug Hart is doing preliminary work in establishing a 2021 boondocking caravan through Vermont. This will be open to all our Region 1 local club members.

RJ Dominic is staying current on the international website development. He will be very helpful to all our local clubs once the region activity page gets migrated over to the new database. Once up and running, Kathy, Glen and others will have easy access to post and make alterations to all our local activities. These will then have national exposure. The new website is already very helpful to Sandy, our treasurer, as the renewal process has been more automated.

Concerning the 2021 Region Rally, I am having to rethink the whole gathering on how to meet the changing stipulations, make our members safe while reuniting after 2 years of missing this wonderful bonding experience amidst the changing reality of this COVID virus. I recently met with the Hebron fairground management at the fairgrounds to further discuss all of the concerns that are in front of us at this time. Tentatively, I am holding the dates of June 10-13, 2021 for this long-awaited rally. ~





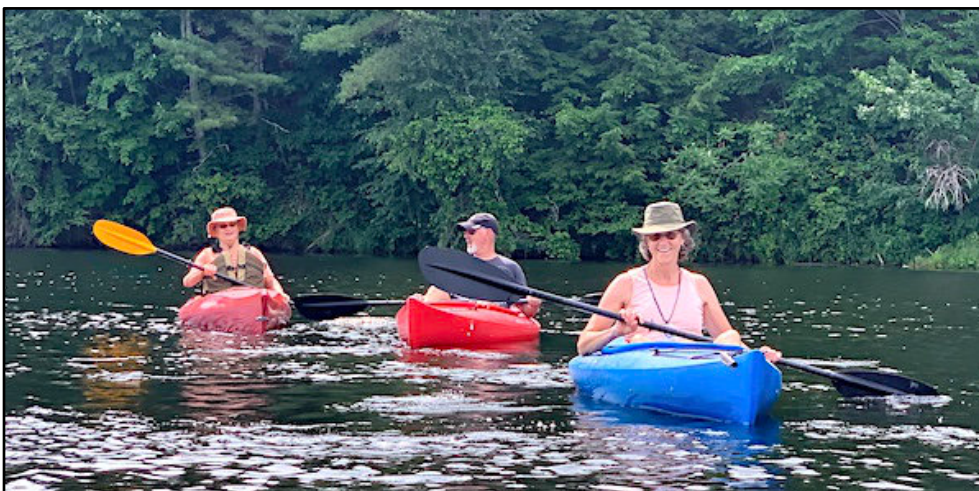
Summer Fun on the Connecticut River

by Glen Lessig

Several members of the Charter Oak Club attended our first rally this season in Orford, NH on the Connecticut River. The Pastures Campground Rally was hosted by Eddie Carll and Sandie and Roland St. Laurent. Co-host Toni Nolder was recovering from knee surgery - best wishes on your recovery Toni! Thankfully, the meteorologists were incorrect in their forecast, several fronts passed us by with a few brief showers, but for the most part we all enjoyed a spectacular New England summer weekend together.

Approximately forty members attended from four of our five Region 1 clubs, Charter Oakians present were Eileen, Don and Nicole Allers (we missed Frida who was at summer camp) Gail and Wiley Downing, Rhona and Russ Fuller, Sally Kerr, Joyce and Gilles Rousseau, and Christine and Glen Lessig. Social distancing standards were in place for the weekend, requiring members to maintain a safe distance and wear masks when close, but since all activities were outside and the breeze off the river was warm and comfortable a good time was enjoyed by all.

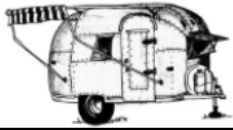
Saturday afternoon campers went in several directions, The Vermont Gear store in Bradford VT was a popular destination for many, Wiley tried his luck fishing, the swimming pool was popular, and several kayakers paddled the beautiful, calm Connecticut River for relaxation and inspection of a Bald Eagle nest on the VT side of the river. Saturday evening included a campfire with s'mores and a pontoon boat cruise enjoyed by many. Sunday included a light breakfast with kayaking and biking as many broke camp for a scenic ride home to Connecticut.



photos by: Gilles Rousseau

The Pastures Campground management team was very supportive and cooperative working closely with Eddie throughout the rally. Our hosts welcomed us on Friday with hot dogs and heavy hors d'oeuvres, Saturday night was classic summer food with hamburgers, hot dogs, corn on the cob and watermelon. A moment of silence was held for our dear departed friend, Nancy Carll before dinner, her strong loving spirit was felt by all.

Everyone enjoyed the efforts of our hosts to make this a special rally, thank you Eddie, Roland and Sandie. Eddie has promised a second annual next year and is looking for co-hosts, now is your chance to sign up! ~



100 Reasons why Airstreaming is wonderful

by John Freed

When Paul and Dorothy Freed retired from New Jersey to Heritage Village in Southbury, Connecticut in 1972, they looked forward to seeing the countryside and visiting with friends and relatives throughout the country. In 1975, they bought the first of two Shasta trailers and began their journeys.

One stop was in Rangley Lakes, Maine at a campground that also had a few Airstreams in residence. Those folks welcomed them and introduced them to the Airstream life including the fellowship through the WBCCI, caravans, and rallies. They were smitten with the Airstream charisma and in the summer of 1978 they bought their first Airstream, a used 27 foot model.



Charter Oak members welcomed them at a rally at Mystic's Highland Orchard that very weekend. Thus began a quarter century of adventure with Charter Oak, Region 1, and WBCCI International rallies and caravans in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and New Zealand.

Paul and Dorothy first learned about a special Airstream park called Travelers Rest in Florida from Jim and Laura Edmondson whom they met on an Ontario caravan. After spending a week in

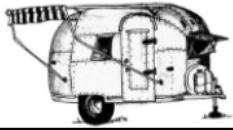
February 1981 at TR, they bought a share of stock and applied for a lot which became available in the fall. Many Charter Oak members soon began spending their winters there and some moved to TR permanently. Summer adventures were planned during the winters at TR with the group of close friends. Eventually Paul and Dorothy moved from Heritage Village to Travelers Rest.

The greatest adventures of their Airstream travels were the summer-long caravans to Alaska with Charter Oak friends. One was in 1988 with the Edmondsons, Herpichs, Barnes, Kuehns, and Freed's meeting at the huge Edmonton Mall in Alberta in May to begin their trip. From Dawson Creek, BC to Denali, they toured Alaska. At Skagway, they parked their rigs on the Skagway dock, boarded the Alaska State Ferry and took to the sea. They spent nine days in Juneau, Sitka, and Ketchikan, cities inaccessible to touring with trailers. They emerged in late July as early snows dusted the mountain peaks.

Paul and Dorothy had several different Airstreams and Suburbans over the years. After Paul's death in April, 2004, they were sold and Dorothy continued to be active with the Charter Oak people and at Travelers Rest. In April 2013, she moved to the Florida Presbyterian Homes complex in Lakeland, Florida where she resides today.



Dorothy leads a vibrant life with walks, swims, and drives around Lakeland. She is a whiz with her computer and enjoys her independent living. She will be celebrating her 100th birthday on August 27th and friends are invited to email her greetings at DorothyGFreed@gmail.com. If you wish to send a card, please contact her son John at Foresteng@aol.com for her mailing address. ~



Sharing My Coronavirus Story - Sisters

by Beth Petrie

You see many years ago my mother told me my two older sisters were the best gift my parents could give me. I thought I understood that, but not fully until years later.

When my sister Carolyn's husband was being treated for lung cancer I called her and we talked for quite awhile and I listened closely to her concerns for him. We did visit with each other as well but talking on the phone somehow became special. Calls increased, often daily. We talked about her husband's treatment or a recipe or the activities of my husband Rick and our three sons. We laughed together and I realized what was happening. These talks eased her days, mine as well and felt right to me. After all, we are sisters. So the calls continued, now for eleven years.

I was also close to my oldest sister Mel so it wasn't long before we began 3 way conversations. Maybe not daily but frequently. We didn't solve the problems of the world but supported each other, listening, laughing, and sometimes sharing a few tears.

My sisters live in Connecticut while Rick and I are in Florida. Often we speak of the difficulties with following the Coronavirus guidelines, though we certainly understand their importance. Our phone calls, Zoom gatherings, being with others, if only on the internet all help us adjust to these strange times. FaceTime and fun hobbies also help. Mel with crocheting, Caroline with multiple craft projects, and me, well I'm still deciding. So...the moral of this story ... The three of us know these phone calls have made a positive difference in our lives. *Sisters* helping one another. Mom was right. ~



Carolyn, Mel and Beth

Sandy's Shopping Surprises

by Joyce Rousseau

Sandy Sasuta has been shopping again- to our benefit! (Or else she's cleaning out a closet of Airstream stuff.) I decided to look into the bag of items she gave me at our luncheon rally at the end of June and found some unique things. The picture shows them, from top clockwise, an RV themed throw, the well-known book- Airstream- History of the Land Yacht, flamingo tablecloth weights and magnetic blue hats with flamingoes and 2 gift bags. I like to imagine that she's smiling away as she discovers a few more little things she can donate to the rally raffle. A great big "Thank You!" goes to her and Mike for his patience as she finds more treasures! ~

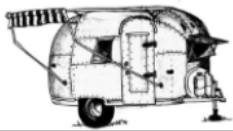


Bard's Good, Bad & Bizarre Airstreams

I Want More...
Rallies???



Trailer last seen traveling the roads of Germany.



Request from your Vice President

by Glen Lessig

Amazing how our plans have changed for the 2020 camping season, however we are all hopeful that 2021 allows us to enjoy the good times of being with our Charter Oak friends on enjoyable rallies in our beautiful region. I have been busy planning an exciting schedule of events and rallies for next year, several members have stepped up and we have multiple interesting rallies already planned. If you would like to host or co-host a rally there are a few time slots available. April, which starts our season, July and August for those of us not attending the International in Tennessee, and our fall rally in October. If any of these times are of interest to you or you would like to consider co-hosting please contact me. Additional information on all of our plans will be presented at the 'Pumpkin and Spice Rally' in Lisbon, CT, on Oct. 2-4.

See you soon at a COCAC Rally!

Glen BRN 2609 glessig@gmail.com



Caribbean Layered Dip

by Sandy Sasuta

1 pkg (8oz) cream cheese, softened
½ C sour cream
1 tbl Taco seasoning mix (from 1 oz pkg)
1 can (15 oz) black beans, rinsed & drained
½ C chopped red bell peppers
½ C chopped mango
1 to 2 tsp. finely chopped jalapeño chiles (opt)
2 tbl fresh chopped cilantro
Plain or lime-flavored tortilla chips

In small bowl, mix cream cheese, sour cream & taco seasoning mix with electric mixer until well blended.

Spread on 10" round serving plate.

Top mixture with remaining ingredients except tortilla chips.

Serve immediately or refrigerate until serving.

IMPORTANT Scam Alert

Hi All,

I have received numerous emails from concerned members and them receiving emails requesting gift cards. These emails are scams. Unfortunately, these scammers are taking advantage of the world's current situation. There is not much we can do except stay alert and pay attention to the details in these emails. Here are some things to remember and pass onto your Local Clubs:

- Always look at the actual email address and not the name. This is typically the first clue.
- Odd URLs
- Our Club does NOT request gift cards.
- Misspellings or poorly written emails
- The message creates a sense of urgency
- Make sure your security software is up to date
- Never open an attachment or follow a link from one of these emails.

These are just a few tips. There is more information out there to learn how to protect yourself. If you do receive one of these emails, block the sender.

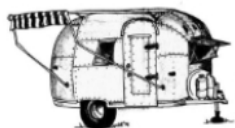
Be safe!

Have a great day!

Lori Plummer

Corporate Manager

WBCCI, Wally Byam Airstream Club



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Upcoming

Birthdays - Anniversaries

August

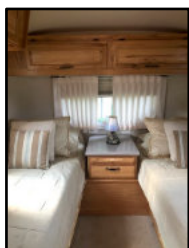
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08/04 Aili Galasyn
08/05 Steve Pestretto
08/06 J. Rick Cipot
08/08 Fred McGoldrick
08/10 Diane & Jerry Jackson
08/20 Glen & Christine Lessig
08/20 Carol Dubrowski
08/21 Rose Tavares
08/25 Marie Lupien
08/26 Bruce & Kris Fletcher
08/27 Wayne Rutty
08/27 Trevor Lake
08/29 Richard Kushman
08/31 Glen Lessig

September

09/01 Sandie St. Laurent
09/03 Bob & Ruth Scott
09/11 Wayne & Susan Rutty
09/12 R J Dominic
09/15 Cynthia & Michael Brodeur
09/17 Jeanne Blandford
09/20 Mary Rosenbach
09/22 Bill & Sandra Flood
09/23 Pam Forsyth
09/23 Mark & Marie Lupien
09/26 Bob Scott
09/28 Michael & Lianne Rutty
09/30 Per Hamnqvist



2007 Classic 25 ft. Airstream
75th Anniversary Edition.
One owner, excellent condition, Hensley Arrow hitch, awnings all around, twin beds. \$45,000 or best offer. Contact info: Sharon - 508-789-4066 or E-mail: Ss_harbourgirl@yahoo.com or Susan - 310-339-6113 E-mail: kcsuki@yahoo.com
Sharon and Susan are Rose Tavares's daughters.



1997 30' Airstream Limited - well maintained, tires two years old, all systems in working order, exterior has been repolished and several years ago. Includes Hensley hitch. **Reduced** \$26,000. **OBO** Contact: Fred McGoldrick freddalem@aol.com

I'VE REACHED THAT AGE
WHERE MY BRAIN GOES
FROM "YOU PROBABLY
SHOULDN'T SAY THAT." TO
"WHAT THE HELL, LET'S SEE
WHAT HAPPENS."
- Anonymous



TRAILER HITCH, J2 Equal-I-Zer, new, never used, With weight distribution and sway control, 10,000 pound rating, 2-5/16" ball, \$350
Bill Watts 203-426-5532
evelynwatts@sbcglobal.net

1997 Airstream B-190 Van
Ford E-350 Chassis with the V10 engine
Asking \$14500 will consider offers Can be seen in Higganum, Ct - Contact:
Ed Petrie 860-952-4799

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Answer

One. If he combines all of his haystacks, they all become one big stack.

COCAC On Line

<https://charteroakconnecticut.airstreamclub.net>

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What did you think?:

A group of porcupines is called a prickle. Of course!

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New Virtual Rally?



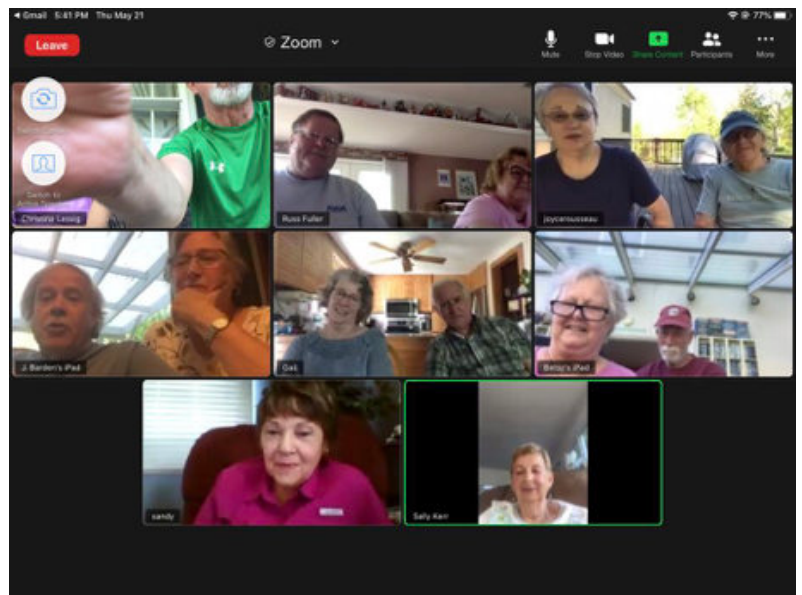
The Cask, The Flask and The Mask Stay at Home Rally

Join Us

Art work by Billy Steers



Joyce and Gilles Zooming...



Zoom virtual happy hours at 5 pm every Thursday.

No Rallies and missing your Airstream friends join us on Zoom every Thursday at 5pm with the beverage of your choice. No mask needed. Missing the ID or Password contact Russ Fuller.

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WINE TASTING RALLY

August 14-16, 2020

Traveler's Woods

152 River Street, Bernardston, MA. 01337

Water, 30/50 amp electric, two dump stations

Hosted by Wiley & Gail Downing

FRIDAY: Arrive after **11:00 AM**

5:30 PM HEAVY HAPPY HOUR

SATURDAY: **8:30 AM** Potluck Breakfast (bring your setups)

Hosts supplying coffee, tea, juice

Spend the day with lots of things to do in the area

(list of ideas at breakfast food table)

5:00 PM -Wine Tasting, please bring a small bottle of your favorite wine to share, your choice red or white. Host will supply cheese and crackers and small cups for sampling.

6:00 PM - Spaghetti and meatballs and hot/sweet Italian sausage. Green salad, Italian bread. Cookies for dessert. Bring your setups.

SUNDAY: **8:00 AM** - Continental Breakfast including coffee, tea, juice

DEPARTURE: **2:00 PM**

If you want to arrive a day early or stay a day later that is fine, the rate would be \$27

Reservations made with Gail and Wiley camping fee \$ 45.00 (payment prior to rally please)

Please mail checks made to Gail Downing. Mailing address: 8 Old Shelter Rock Road, Danbury, Ct. 06810 with the form below.

Kitty Fee \$10 per person payable at Rally

Name: _____ WBCCI # _____

Address: _____

Contact phone # _____ Camping Fee \$45.00

Number attending _____ X \$10.00 Per Person _____

Total: _____

Any questions please contact Gail at **203-241-2537**. Or email: **ctnanabug@comcast**.

IF COVID-19 VIRUS EFFECTS THIS RALLY WE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU.

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Fall Basics Rendezvous

**This is a rendezvous
No planned events
Plenty to do in the area!!!!**

**Electricity will be available 20 amp some 30's
NO Water, bathrooms or buildings
The dump station will be available—no water**

When

**Sept. 11 thru 13
Arrive after 1pm
Depart by noon**

Where

**Ulster County
Fairgrounds
New Paltz , New York**

New York State's

**PLAY SMART * PLAY SAFE * PLAY LOCAL
Campaign**

Covid-19 Notice:

You are welcome to come if traveling from states that do not have a significant degree of community-wide spread of COVID-19. as identified by NY State Health Department

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>]

Please:

- ☐ Social distance - 6 feet apart
- ☐ Small groups (10 or less)
- ☐ Wear a mask in public
- ☐ Do not share food and utensils

Come enjoy the friendship!

Names _____ **WBCCI #** _____

Phone Number _____ **email** _____

Camping Fee \$40.00 - 2 nights of camping—electric only, NO water

Please make checks to R Fuller 26 Luciano DR, Southington, CT 06489 prior to Sept 1, 2020

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PUMPKIN and SPICE RALLY

Ross Hill Campground, 170 Ross Hill Rd., Lisbon, CT

October 2-4, 2020

Hosts: Kathy & Bard Fuller

- *Camping (2 nights) with W/E and "Everything Nice" for \$90.00
 - *Catered BBQ Chicken Dinner Saturday night for \$15 pp
 - *variety of breakfasts available for nominal fee Saturday and Sunday.
 - *Business meeting 9:30am on Saturday
 - *Installation of new officers after Supper on Saturday
 - *Socially responsible gathering as the times may dictate
- Enjoy Holmberg Orchards and Winery or Preston Ridge Vineyard only about 20 minutes away. B.F. Clyde's Cider Mill is about 30 minutes away.

Name(s) _____ WBCCI# _____ Phone _____
Optional BBQ Chicken Dinner \$15 x _____ \$ _____
2 nights with Water and Electric (30amp) \$ _____
Enjoying "Everything Nice" # Priceless
Total \$ _____

Send to Kathy Fuller, 36 Panorama Dr., Southington, CT 06489

by September 17. We will make your reservation.

Bardfuller@hotmail.com 860-302-1365

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2021 PRELIMINARY



STORYTELLING RALLY

Early Signup Opportunity **CARAVAN** Early Signup Opportunity

Jonesborough, TN - Rally Dates, Wednesday 09/29/2021 - Sunday 10/03/2021

The Storytelling Rally at Appalachian Fairground in Gray, TN, is very popular and a wonderful way to enjoy the National Storytelling Festival. Tickets for the Storytelling Festival are to be purchased separately. The caravan itinerary may include meeting on Wednesday 09/22/2021 arriving at the fairground on Sunday (early parking) 09/26/2021. Caravan with us to the 2021 festival and enjoy a wonderful show. Caravan limited to 10 units.

Name _____

Phone _____ **BRN** _____ Unit Length _____

Email _____

Street _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

To reserve a rally camp site and your spot on the caravan fill out the form and include \$140.00.

Send to:

Richard Kushman
29129 Johnston Rd
lot 2622
Dade City, FL 33523

Caravan hosts: Rich & Kathy Kushman and Mike & Sandy Sasuta

rich.kath@icloud.com sandysas1001@gmail.com

Please Note: Current rally fee for 5 nights is \$140.00 and early parking fee is \$28.00 per night - final fairground rally fee and early parking fee for 2021 TBD. The fee of \$140.00 represents only a deposit for your 5 night rally reservation and will also hold a spot on the caravan. Caravan limited to 10 units. The caravan itinerary, camping fees and kitty are not yet established. This early signup is to assure a rally site for the entire caravan. Rally site cancellations or changes must be handled directly with the rally host - Harry Herrmann.

Join us

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